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"Climax is only one part of the orgasm cycle. But by only focusing on that, we're denying ourselves the orgasm that is the experience."

— **Andrea Marz**
Founder of Austin Slow Sex movement

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Perry considers run for White House

Governor moves to solidify political support necessary to begin possible campaign

By William James Gerlich
Daily Texan Staff

Gov. Rick Perry may throw his cowboy hat into the ring of Republican presidential candidates when the legislative special session ends — possibly as soon as Wednesday.

After discussing his potential campaign on Fox News late last month, Perry has made appearances in New York, California and Louisiana in recent days, rallying Republicans and Tea Party members alike.

Various polls indicate that Perry's

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Rodolfo Rodrigues | Associated Press

Texas Gov. Rick Perry, Speaker of the House Joe Straus and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, left to right, speak to members of the media discussing the agenda of the 30-day special session Tuesday, May 31.

Perry endorses controversial educational reforms that face resistance from UT leaders, student body

By Huma Munir
Daily Texan Staff

Gov. Rick Perry has backed the Seven Breakthrough Solutions for Higher Education, but the plan from a conservative think tank could prove to be a breaking point between Perry and members of the higher education community even as Perry may be seeking support for a presidential run.

UT President William Powers Jr., Student Government President Natalie Butler and UT alumni organization Texas Exes went on alert after interest grew in proposals from groups such as the

Austin-based Texas Public Policy Foundation that suggest rewarding professors based on student evaluations, splitting the budget for teaching and research and increasing class enrollments to halve tuition. Perry's endorsement of such policies in speeches stirred further controversy among leaders of the University.

"We don't want to see the de-emphasis of research because that's what made our state so great," said outgoing Texas Exes President Richard Leshin.

Leshin said he thinks Perry has

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Erika Rich | Daily Texan Staff

Barriyan Kent, assistant crew leader at Urban Roots and Shamar Brown, first year farm intern at Urban Roots, work side by side with Rene Ortiz, head chef at La Condesa restaurant at the Urban Roots Community Lunch on Wednesday. This event was one in a series of lunches in which the interns learn to cook along side Austin area chefs with the produce they grow at the Urban Roots farm.

Chefs spread knowledge to students

By Liz Farmer
Daily Texan Staff

The smell of oak-grilled rib eye with onions and braised okra wafted through the kitchen of La Condesa as local high school students cooked side by side the restaurant's chefs.

Wednesday, 15 students learned to cook using their own organically grown produce as an activity for Urban Roots, a program sponsored by the nonprofit Youth-Launch. Urban Roots' 30 students work in paid internships to farm produce and learn leadership skills. The students who cooked Wednesday served the meal made with their own produce to 37 people at an East Austin community center.

Rene Ortiz, La Condesa's head chef, and Jessica Peterson, chef de cuisine, showed the students how to cook the meal.

"We told them the rules of the kitchen, and they had fun with it," Peterson said. "They liked yelling in the kitchen. It's



Erika Rich | Daily Texan Staff

First year farm intern at Urban Roots, Shamar Brown, puts the finishing touches on a blueberry and peach crisp. This meal is just one of the community service opportunities that Urban Roots provides youth interns aged 14-17 to develop leadership skills in their communities.

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Black female readies to lead as president of Texas Exes

By Liz Farmer
Daily Texan Staff

Attorney and lobbyist Machree Gibson will take over as the first black woman president of the Texas Exes on July 1.

This past year, she served as president-elect of the powerful and independent UT alumni organization. Current president Richard Leshin, who will serve as the chair of the organization when his term as president ends, said he thinks Gibson is a prime fit for the volunteer leadership role.

"I think she'll do a great job. She has a great sense of humor and she will be able to use that sense of humor in leading us into the next year," Leshin said.

The Daily Texan talked to Gibson about her connection to the University and her goals for the Texas Exes.

The Daily Texan: What do you want to say to UT students?

Machree Gibson: They are at one of the best schools in the country, and they need to appreciate the opportunity that has been bestowed on them. The friends they make now will probably be friends for a long, long time. I hope that when they graduate they become a part of the Texas Exes because that expands your UT family.

DT: What do you plan to focus on during your time as president?

MG: A lot of times, since the University is in our own backyard, we sort of take it for granted. We need to tout the accomplishments of the University of Texas such as what value research has upon the state of Texas as well as developing phenomenal minds that go out and change the world.



Machree Gibson
Incoming Texas Exes President

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had a lot to do with setting the agenda for the UT System Board of Regents and it's something the administrators, students and other members of the higher education community have seen for a long time. A UT spokesperson said nobody from the University administration would want to speak publicly about the matter, but several administrators expressed discomfort with Perry's ideas off the record.

"I think it's very difficult for them to speak up because they are state employees, and it makes it very difficult to oppose anything like that," Leshin said.

Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, said Perry's constituents have questioned his position on higher education in the form of letters to the Texas Ethics Commission. Perry and others, including the Texas Public Policy Foundation and the UT System Board of Regents are pursuing proposals that would damage higher education's quality without seeking input from university students, professors and administrators, Zaffirini said. She said Perry and those who support his views on education

have the right to make suggestions and be heard, but they must also consider competing proposals.

"When we deal with higher education, we must deal with the educators," Zaffirini said.

Liberal arts professor Tom Palaima said education cannot be treated like a manufactured automobile. Rather, you have to create a balance between big and small classrooms and continue to engage in research that proves essential for the future of students and citizens of the country, he said.

"Education is designed to create something absolutely new," Palaima said.

Perry and supporters say they don't want to dilute the quality of higher education — instead, they're trying to increase efficiency and improve educational experiences.

In his Center for College Affordability and Productivity report, Ohio State University economics professor Richard Vedder encourages institutions to use fewer resources, eliminate excessive academic research and cut unnecessary programs. This research includes studies done by university professors and students that don't improve society, said Texas Public Policy Foundation spokesman David Guethner.

"Professors are getting relief time from the classroom to produce articles that are not worth anything, aren't read or aren't cited by other researchers," he said.

Guethner said Vedder's analysis suggests institutions should increase the number of classes being taught by each professor. When professors are engaged in research and cannot teach full time during a semester, the universities have to hire people who can make up the work load, he said.

The bipartisan Texas Coalition for Excellence in Higher Education formed last week to oppose an attitude that devalues research.

"We have not been on [Perry's side] when we first discovered what he was doing," said Gordon Appleman, a UT alum-nus and member of the coalition's executive committee.

He said the coalition disagrees with the proposal to halve tuition. Some research has quick payoffs but other forms can take a long time to yield results and benefits, Appleman said.

As Perry's profile grows nationally, so does discontent among some educators and education advocates. They said they will continue to address concerns about Perry's attitudes toward higher education.

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something we take for granted. We do it everyday."

La Condesa is a Mexican restaurant in the Warehouse District that uses farm-to-market produce. Peterson helped create the menu from the list of Urban Roots' produce which includes zucchini, carrots and homegrown potatoes.

"I took whatever was summery — that's something that we do at the restaurant," Peterson said. "Our menu is very seasonal, and we tried to find something that was all their own creation."

Casimir Bissereth, a senior at Reagan High School, spoke to the group about his experience as a student intern with Urban Roots.

"When I tell my friends that I work on a farm they look at me like I'm crazy," Bissereth said. "But I embrace that because I know I'm doing something different. I'm impacting my community."

Bissereth said his experience with Urban Roots changed him as a person because he appreciates food more now.

"People don't realize it's hard out [on the farm]," Bissereth said. "The sun is so hot sometimes.

You have to be a leader and work hard so [other interns] follow behind you."

Mayor Pro Tem Mike Martinez said he supports the sustainable philosophy that Urban Roots promotes when he spoke to the students about their work.

"You're prepared, not just for growing but for the future," Martinez said. "This really is the seed to success. We owe you all in the program gratitude, and I thank you for taking this step to being self sufficient."

Urban Roots is partnering with four restaurants in June and July to prepare community meals, and La Condesa was the second host. Social work graduate student Max Elliott is the Urban Roots program coordinator. He said working on the farm opens youth up because it's a private space for them to let a different side out. He coordinated the students' efforts for presenting the meal.

"That's the reward. It's the culmination of hard work, of sweat, of harvesting it, of preparing it, and it's a celebration," Elliott said. "A lot went into that meal, and that's what we're celebrating."

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DT: How do you feel about being the first black woman to serve as president of the Texas Exes?

MG: Very proud. What that does is shows minority students that they too can be a part of the University and fall in love with it and one day they too can lead an organization of the magnitude of the Texas Exes.

DT: Businesswoman Leslie Cedar will take over as the first female Texas Exes CEO and Executive Director at the end of this month. How do you think your combined female leadership will

impact the organization?

MG: Leslie has so much energy, I am enamored with her. I think we are going to have a good time. I think women have a different way of looking at things. They see an issue and they look at it from many different sides. Women tend to want to solve a problem and not just fix it.

DT: You got an English degree in 1982 and a law degree in 1991 from the University. How does this connect you as president of Texas Exes to the University?

MG: When I was in college I worked at the capitol, and I used to park in the middle of Speedway. So it's kind of great having come full circle, to be working at the capitol and back on campus.

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popularity is comparable to President Barack Obama's in the state of Texas. A Texas Lyceum poll last week showed if Perry ran in the Republican primary for president today, only 9 percent of Republicans would vote for him. According to the poll, the leader among Republicans with 16 percent support was former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, who announced his candidacy last month, or former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, who has made no official announcement.

After the CNN Republican candidates' debate last week, U.S. Rep.

Michele Bachmann, R-Minn., officially announced her presidential campaign and gained great popularity from conservatives. Political strategists said she would be one of Perry's top competitors if he were to run.

Perry is currently the longest-running governor in the country, and he has gained national support as a potential Republican presidential candidate from many Republican legislators across the country as well as Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst.

Dewhurst said he has talked to Perry about running for president, and said he thinks Perry will make a great candidate for the Republican party.

"It may come down, in a relatively short time, to a two- or three-person race [in the Republican primary]," Dewhurst said.

Dewhurst also said he is thinking about running for the U.S. Senate or Governor of Texas, but he will announce his decision early in July.

School of Public Affairs lecturer Sherri Greenberg and numerous political scientists noted the difficulties Perry and other GOP candidates must overcome when running against Obama.

"There's a bit of a dilemma Republican candidates face," Greenberg said. "To win the [Republican] primary you have to run pretty far right, and Perry has done that, but it can alienate independent and weak Republican voters."

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, and other politicians have scrutinized Perry, especially on higher education issues. During UT's 128th spring graduation commencement ceremony, Hutchison said a vibrant research community is critical to the success of the University in the midst of suggestions from Perry and his supporters that universities should separate research and teaching funding.

Paul Theobald, philanthropy director of Phi Alpha Delta, a pre-law fraternity, and a U.S. veteran, predicts Perry will run, but he will not have a strong voter base from the University. Theobald said Perry doesn't have students' best interests at heart and is too socially conservative for mainstream America.

Government lecturer Alan Sager said it will be easy for Perry to beat Obama if he gets the nomination.

"If he wins the nomination, he will win the presidency," Sager said, after noting that Perry has never lost an election.

Sager said Perry is in a good position to run for office, especially if things go well during the rest of the legislative special session. Perry must play on what Sager called the "Texas story," the perception that Texas has weathered the economic downturn better than most of the country.

Sager said if the people find the Texas story strong enough, it will carry Perry into the White House.

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Life in prison ruling for Shiite protesters fuels Bahrain unrest

By Brian Murphy
The Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Bahraini protesters poured back to the streets Wednesday after a security court sentenced eight Shiite activists to life in prison in the latest blow by the Western-backed kingdom to cripple the biggest Arab Spring opposition movement in the Gulf.

The fast and angry reaction to the verdicts — the most significant display of unrest in weeks — underscored the volatility in the island nation after four months of unrest and raised questions about whether any credible pro-reform leaders will heed calls by the Sunni monarchy to open talks next week.

In size, Bahrain is little more than a speck off the coast of Saudi Arabia. But it draws in some of the region's major players: hosting the U.S. Navy's 5th Fleet and serving as a growing point of friction between Gulf powers Saudi Arabia and Iran.

Security forces used tear gas to drive back hundreds of Shiite marchers trying to reach a central square in the capital Manama, which was once the hub of their protests for greater rights. In other Shiite areas, protesters gathered in the streets but were held back by riot police. No injuries were reported.

Bahrain has allowed two major rallies this month by the main op-

position party, but the confrontations Wednesday were among the biggest challenges to security forces since martial law-style rule was lifted June 1.

Shiites account for 70 percent of Bahrain's population of some 525,000, but claim they face systematic discrimination such as being barred from top government and political posts.

Bahrain's government said in a statement late Wednesday that the convicted activists were responsible for "bringing the country to the brink of total anarchy" with a wave of marches and sit-ins earlier this year.

The official Bahrain News Agency said those sentenced to life include prominent Shiite political figures Hassan Mushaima and Abdul Jalil al-Singace and rights activist Abdulhadi al-Khawaja. Mushaima returned from self-exile in London earlier this year after Bahrain's leaders promised to erase old charges of opposing the state.

Eight received life sentences while 13 others received shorter prison terms apparently because they weren't considered leaders.

Fourteen of the 21 convicted are in custody while the rest were sentenced in absentia by the security court, which uses military prosecutors and a military-civilian tribunal. Among the life sentences, however, all but one of the suspects was in Bahrain.



Pablo Martinez Monsivais | Associated Press

President Barack Obama delivers a televised address from the East Room of the White House in Washington on Wednesday on his plan to drawdown U.S. troops in Afghanistan.

Obama announces troop reduction

By Julie Pace
& Ben Feller
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Beginning to wind down a long and devastating war, President Barack Obama announced Wednesday night he was pulling home 33,000 U.S. troops from Afghanistan by next summer, withdrawing the "surge" of forces he had sent to rescue a flailing effort. Said Obama to a country eager for an exit: "The tide of war is receding."

A total of 10,000 troops will leave the war zone by the end of this year — fulfilling Obama's promise for a withdrawal starting next month — and more than 20,000 additional forces will leave by the summer of 2012, shortly before the president will go before voters in search of a second term.

Still, almost 70,000 U.S. troops will remain in an unstable country, fighting in a war bound to see more Americans killed. Obama said they will leave at a steady pace, but the U.S. combat mission is not expected to end until December 2014 — and even then, a sizable and en-

during contingent may remain in a different role.

Conceding the economic strain of waging war at a time of rising debt and fiscal constraint, Obama said it was time for America "to focus on nation building here at home." The president's chances for re-election rest largely on his ability to show faster job growth in a time of deepening economic pessimism.

The withdrawal is supported by the bold bottom-line claims of his security team: Afghanistan, training ground for the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on America, is no longer a

launching pad for exporting terrorism and hasn't been for years. But that could also fuel arguments for even greater withdrawals by voters wondering what the point of the war is after all these years, especially since the face of the enemy — al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden — was killed by American forces this spring during a raid in Pakistan.

Yet the White House insists the U.S. must maintain a strong fighting force in Afghanistan for now to keep the country from slipping back into a haven for al-Qaida terrorists.

Even after the troops come home, the war will remain expanded on Obama's watch. He approved 21,000 additional troops for Afghanistan shortly after taking office in 2009, bringing the total number to 68,000. That means he is likely to face re-election with more troops in Afghanistan than when he took office, although he has also dramatically reduced the U.S. footprint in Iraq.

"Of course, huge challenges remain," the president said. "This is the beginning — but not the end — of our effort to wind down this war."



Hasan Jamali | Associated Press

A Bahraini anti-government protester gestures in front of riot police on an overpass near Pearl roundabout in Manama, Bahrain on March 13.

NEWS BRIEFLY

Finality on gay marriage bill delayed by legislative backlog

ALBANY, N.Y. — Although New York state legislative leaders have agreed conceptually on greater protection for religious groups in a gay marriage bill, final action appears headed to Thursday at the earliest.

Senate Republican leader Dean Skelos and Democratic Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver tried to minimize their differences over the bill in an optimistic press availability Wednesday afternoon. But closed-door negotiations have been dragging on.

The Senate's Republican majority has the power to pass or kill the bill but faces an extensive backlog of more mundane legislation.

New York's action is being watched closely as a pivotal moment in the national gay rights movement.

Women protest restrictive law by driving in Saudi capital city

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — A group supporting a campaign to end Saudi Arabia's male-only driving rules says two more women drove through the Saudi capital — and one even encountered an apparently sympathetic policeman.

The group, Saudi Women for Driving, says the women drove in Riyadh on Wednesday to challenge the restrictions in the ultraconservative kingdom. Last Friday, more than 40 Saudi women got behind the wheel to launch the campaign.

One of the women joining the latest protest says she and her mother were spotted driving and were stopped after turning the wheel over to their male companion. Sara al-Khalidi says the policeman didn't seek to make an arrest and privately urged them to drive at night to avoid drawing attention.

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Race-based admissions policy upheld

“In our view, the nation’s future depends on students being exposed to diversity in their formative educational experiences.”

— Joshua Civin, attorney for the NAACP, after the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals rejected an appeal regarding a case challenging the University’s use of race as a criterion in its admissions process, according to *The Daily Texan*.

“Because even University administrators can lose sight of the constitutional forest for the academic trees, it is the duty of the courts to scrutinize closely their ‘benign’ use of race in admissions.”

— Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals Chief Judge Edith Jones, in a sharply-worded dissent to the court’s 9-7 vote against hearing the appeal, according to the *Austin American-Statesman*.

“Grutter [v. Bollinger] also cautioned that, while it accepted diversity as a compelling interest, any sorting of persons on the basis of race must be by measures narrowly tailored to the interest at stake.”

— Fifth Circuit Judge Patrick Higginbotham in January in his 54-page majority opinion, which affirmed a previous ruling by Federal Judge Sam Sparks in 2009 which upheld the legality of the University’s use of race in the admissions process.

Texting while driving ban vetoed

“Texting while driving is reckless and irresponsible. I support measures that make our roads safer for everyone, but House Bill 242 is a government effort to micromanage the behavior of adults.”

— Gov. Rick Perry in his statement after vetoing HB 242, which would have made texting while driving illegal in the state.

“From my perspective, there will be blood on his hands. Every time that we hear about a tragedy related to distracted driving ... I hope that is forwarded to the governor.”

— Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, author of HB 242, responding to the governor’s decision to veto the bill, according to the *Texas Tribune*.

“There’s going to be a long casualty list because of the failure to move aggressively on this problem. In a political sense, I intend to make every effort to put Rick Perry’s name at the very top of that casualty list.”

— Clyde Petersen, anti-texting-and-driving activist and former *Houston Chronicle* editorial cartoonist, responding to Perry’s veto, according to the *West University Examiner*.

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Don’t centralize higher-ed reform



By Matt Daley
Daily Texan Columnist

UT is capable of reforming its teaching mission on its own, and it should be allowed to do so. Amid a flurry of outside reports and think tank publications suggesting to universities ways to improve how they teach, it may be tempting to the casual observer to assume that UT lacks meaningful in-house ideas or ways to generate them. But that assumption, while somewhat understandable, is demonstrably false.

Indeed, UT is making great strides on its own. The Course Transformation Project, a major new initiative housed in the Office of the Provost, is an exemplary case of UT innovating successfully. The project focuses on introductory “gateway” courses which large numbers of students are required to take early in their degree programs. The Course Transformation Project provides grants to University departments to redesign these courses to better educate students.

Somewhat unsurprisingly, the first round of course-revision proposals to be accepted for renovation all seek to improve basic science courses: biology, chemistry and statistics. These classes are guilty of being enormous and have high attrition rates. Students who would otherwise pursue careers in the sciences or medicine are often deterred by this wall of basic biology and chemistry courses, which can make students feel lost and motivate them to drop out. According to the Course Transformation Project website, some 20 percent of students who enroll in these courses do not successfully complete them. Still in their planning phases, these course-renovation projects promise to improve student learning and

retention and to keep students interested in the material.

These courses are rightly the targets of reform, and the Course Transformation Project is an excellent way to reform them.

At least two aspects of this project are especially meritorious. First, the approach is bottom-up. Professors who regularly teach these courses — and enjoy doing so — are generating the proposals to improve them based on their direct classroom experiences. This should help ensure that changes are specific and appropriate. Second, the project explicitly endorses a goal-oriented approach to reform. Instead of beginning with a set of material to be mastered, the method begins with a set of goals. These goals, ideally developed with significant student involvement, drive the content and structure of a course.

These two characteristics of the Course Transformation Project give it the structure necessary to generate meaningful innovation. The project is explicitly student-oriented, and the ground-level approach lends itself well to the heavy student involvement necessary for a project like this to succeed. Involving as many students as possible will encourage more attentive engagement in coursework and provide a way to answer the perennial student question: “Why do I need to know this?” Retention of the material taught over the course of a semester will be less likely to be forgotten over the course of a summer, and a cohesive body of knowledge can be developed over time. The first few weeks of a genetics course, for instance, will not need to be spent reviewing basic information about the structure of DNA that was taught earlier in the sequence. Efficiency can be improved and education can be strengthened.

The result of such an approach has the

potential to be truly transformative. In another recent UT System-wide effort also in its planning stages, called Transformation in Medical Education, UT System schools are developing partnership plans to reduce the amount of redundancy in education for future health professionals. This will decrease the time it takes for students to earn the credentials required to work in healthcare fields. Reducing time to graduation promises to benefit students by reducing debt loads, benefit institutions by decreasing education costs and benefit the state by providing more doctors, nurses and pharmacists. Building an efficient and effective undergraduate education scheme is critical to this goal, and to do that requires that students be involved.

The newly formed Texas Coalition for Excellence in Higher Education has quickly recognized that student involvement in reform efforts is critical. Certainly, of all groups involved, students have the most at stake.

Even more fundamentally, student involvement is the only way to make reform work. And because local autonomy is the way to get students as involved as they need to be, education reform must not be micromanaged from the top. This is the reason UT and other state universities must be granted the utmost freedom in reforming their teaching missions. The targets of reform are people with goals, interests and opinions. For education reform to deliver on its extraordinary promise, it must be mindful of what students hope to gain from their time at universities and involve students constantly. Students must play the central role. Efficient, effective and real education demands nothing less.

Daley is a biology and government senior.

GALLERY



THE FIRING LINE

Higher education is a waste

In her Monday guest column, Natalie Butler argues that UT students should fight proposed state higher education cuts to protect the presumed value of their UT degree. What Butler ignores is that higher education in America today is a massive upper middle-class welfare program in which the accounting, engineering, business, medical and law degrees of thousands of young Texans are subsidized, in part, by state and federal taxpayers.

Higher education today is an enormous waste of time, money, capital and resources. These completely unnecessary costs are borne not only by students and their families, but also by taxpayers and by private companies who increasingly have to retrain today’s college degree-holders, who often graduate with marginal literacy.

Additionally, in 2007, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that only two of the 10 occupations expected to experience the greatest job growth in the next 10 years will require any form of higher education.

Also, Ohio University economist Richard Vedder found in 2004 a negative correlation between increased public higher education funding and a state’s economic growth.

America is the most over-credentialed, under-educated society in history. It’s also the wealthiest. But America is not wealthy because so many people are college-educated. Instead, because America is so wealthy, it’s able to enroll 70 percent of its 18- to 24-year-olds in some form of higher education.

Unfortunately, higher education today is really longer education. A college graduate today possesses about the same amount of knowledge as a high school graduate 50 years ago. Essentially, what used to take 12 years to learn has now been stretched to 16 or more years. Consequently, colleges today are “young folks homes” where young people go to extend their pre-adulthood into their mid-to-late 20s.

— Clark Patterson
UT alumnus



Allen Otto | Daily Texan Staff

Because of the city's growing transportation needs, City Council is likely to vote Thursday on plans to relieve congestion on I-35. Potential solutions include additional lanes and toll roads.

City may vote on future of I-35

By Katrina Tollin
Daily Texan Staff

To meet the city's growing transportation needs, the City Council is likely to vote Thursday on a contract with a consulting firm that will consider long- and short-term plans for the future of Interstate Highway 35.

Potential ideas for the I-35 Corridor Development Program include controlling the traffic coming and leaving the freeway's ramps and the addition of a lane or lanes to the current shoulder of I-35, which might be made a high occupancy vehicle lane or a "managed" toll lane.

The city expects the consultant to think creatively and propose a variety of solutions for the future of the highway that is between Highway 290 at the north and William Cannon Drive at the south, said Gary Schatz, program manager for the I-35 Corridor Development Program and assistant director of the Austin Transportation Department.

"Today we're looking for ideas. We're looking for viable concepts," Schatz said.

The firm will make recommendations by the end of this year and meetings for community input will follow to refine the plan beyond that.

Schatz said the planners must work within existing infrastructures because major structural changes are impossible.

"We can't do that here; there's no money to do it, there's likely no political will to do it," he said. "There's environmental impacts to be considered, so whatever we come up with needs to fit within the existing footprint."

By inviting a transportation agency such as the Texas Department of Transportation or Capital Metro to invest in the project, Schatz said the city could alleviate some of the construction costs.

The research contract for the I-35 Corridor Development Program will be funded with \$1 million of the \$90 million Mobility Bond voters passed last November. The city will find funding for any construction after considering the firm's recommendations, Schatz said.

Besides the I-35 project, the bond

is also paying for a broad set of projects currently under way on the city's transportation system at large, including bike lane infrastructure, pedestrian walkways and urban rail research.

Transportation Department spokeswoman Leah Fillion said the department and the contracted firm will also use past recommendations including My35, a statewide I-35 development plan.

The focus of the new I-35 Corridor Development Program is to get the greatest return from the existing infrastructure, without having to take on massive construction projects, Fillion said.

If the city plan is successful, it could provide relief for UT drivers. Matthew Olson, a health education coordinator at University Health Services, said that he doesn't enjoy driving on I-35 now.

"I think it's poorly designed," he said. "The entrance and exit ramps tend to not be long enough for people to merge with the traffic, it bottlenecks at various places which makes it really congested. I really try to avoid it if possible."

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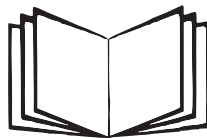
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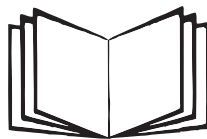


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UT moves to online model to help student smokers

By **Diego Cruz**
Daily Texan Staff

UT will no longer offer classes to help smokers quit — but a new web-based program may replace them.

The UT School of Public Health Austin Regional Campus is developing a free interactive seven-step program designed to help smokers quit over the Internet.

Emily Morris, School of Public Health graduate student and designer of the project, said low attendance led to the University Health Services cancelling in-person classes provided to help students and faculty quit smoking.

“We’ve decided that a peer model program is the best way to go,” Morris said.

The peer model program will share stories and methods from former smokers within UT’s community who have successfully learned how to quit, Morris said.

She said the program would help smokers identify their addiction and understand what encouraged them to smoke in the first place. She said participants would be able to access the program at any time and that it would help them build habits that could reduce their smoking.

Alfred McAlister, adjunct associate professor of behavioral sciences at the School of Public Health and lead designer of the project, said about 70 percent of smokers already want to quit but simply need more motivation to succeed.

“One of the most effective things to do is not to tell people that they should quit but show how other people have done it,” McAlister said.

McAlister analyzed past smoking cessation programs and identified the most effective ones

were the most interactive and allowed smokers to share their quitting experiences.

He said registered participants would be contacted after the completion of the program to check on their progress so that the program would constantly evolve to improve effectiveness.

UT’s smoking policy was the subject of scrutiny by the Student Government last semester.

Matt Daley, former SG representative and columnist at The Daily Texan, participated in passing a resolution that called for UT to restrict smoking on campus.

“We didn’t support a full ban, because we felt it wouldn’t respect some people in campus,” Daley said.

Although the resolution did not advance beyond the initial planning stages, Daley said it is an issue that is often brought up and will one day pass.

Savannah Smith, studio art junior and smoker, said a complete ban of smoking on campus would frustrate people more than it would help them quit.

“I’ve read a few things about campuses not allowing smoking at all and that really bothers me because so many people do smoke, and we have a right to smoke,” Smith said.

Although she never considered quitting, Smith said constructive approaches work better than critical ones, and smokers need an understanding environment to help them quit.

The program developers are currently seeking former smokers to volunteer as peer models in the project and expect it to be available in August.



Erika Rich | Daily Texan

Logan Jack, a Texas A&M Senior, works at The Texas State Capitol as a paid intern for the Governor’s Business Office. Jack hopes his work processing legislation from the house and the senate will lead to a paid position. In a recent survey by The Business Journals, Austin ranked as the number one city for young professionals seeking employment.

Austin leads in youth employment

Texas cities take top spots in job market assessment by nationwide publication

By **Elizabeth Hinojos**
Daily Texan Staff

Unemployed graduates may be better off staying in Austin after a new report shows the city is

No. 1 in professional opportunities for young adults.

Business Journals, which oversees the Austin Business Journal and other publications around the country, gave Austin top marks in a number of criteria that showed a good job market for people in their 20s and 30s. Houston and Dallas-Fort Worth also made the list of top 10 cities, coming in at No. 2 and No. 5, respectively.

Austin offers various employment options for both men and women, along with a moderate cost of living according to the journal. Texas stood out because of strong growth rates and the range of young adults who are college-educated and employed, the report said.

Austin has a lower unemployment rate because it thrives on the “newness” of its economic base, which is less impacted by globalization or outflow of capital investment, said urban studies assistant professor Ipsita Chatterjee in an email. Austin and other cities in Texas fall within the model of a “new economy city,” meaning they are not based on manufacturing, Chatterjee said.

“Urban centers heavily dependent on manufacturing and/or finance have been more impacted by the economic crisis,” Chatterjee said. “However, Texas’ economy is fragile at the moment and the desire to promote a friendly and free business climate by depending largely on sales taxes is exposing the weakness of the economy.”

Lecturer Eliot Trettor from the Urban Studies program said even though the University and government have experienced cuts every year for the past few years, other sectors in the Austin economy are growing.

“Austin’s economy is more based on the government sector. We also have one of the highest sectors for biotechnology, computer technology and software manufacturing,” Trettor said. “In terms of creative capital, Austin ranks at the top. A lot of people are coming because of this growth and that includes parts of the music and architecture economy as well.”

Austin’s population is about 790,000, according to the 2010 census. Trettor said the population will double in the next 15 years based on growth in recent decades. The projected growth will cause the city to become more of a metropolitan region and bring more urbanization to Central Texas. However, opposing forces are increasing population sprawl in the region.

The Texas Workforce Commission added 14,100 jobs from April

TOP 10
Business Journals ranked three Texas cities in the top 10 for young adult employment

1. Austin
2. Houston
3. Washington
4. Raleigh
5. Dallas-Fort Worth
6. Boston
7. Oklahoma City
8. Salt Lake City
9. Seattle
10. Baton Rouge, La.

2010 to this May, a 1.8 percent increase. Although there were new jobs in nearly every sector, government and education sectors had the lowest increase with 173,500 jobs, according to the Austin American-Statesman.

Laura Lambert, an English senior who will graduate in August, has started her job search. She has applied for several positions in AmeriCorps and got a few job offers, but she would rather find work in Austin.

“I’m hoping to teach high school for a year then go to graduate school, but Austin, as well as rest of the state, is cutting back on teaching jobs,” Lambert said.

NEWS BRIEFLY

Mellon Foundation awards UT for promotion of classical music

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation has awarded \$450,000 over three years to Texas Performing Arts to promote classical music. Fine Arts Dean Douglas Dempster and Executive Vice President and Provost Steven Leslie have matched the amount, bringing the total to \$900,000.

“Few university-based arts presenters throughout the entire country were invited to apply

and fewer still received grants,” Dempster said.

The majority of TPA’s grant proposal was developed and written by TPA director Kathy Panoff, he said.

“Classical music is one of the original live musics,” Panoff said. “In this particular case, I think [the Mellon Foundation] liked the commitment Texas Performing Arts has made to classical music.”

One example Panoff gave of TPA’s commitment is bringing

dance performances to UT that are accompanied by live classical music.

Dempster said a person’s college years are a “prime opportunity” to develop a life-long appreciation for the arts and that classical musicians and composers are experimenting to appeal to a “broader and younger” audience.

“‘Classical’ is a misnomer — it makes people think it’s irrelevant,” Panoff said. “Classical is living, breathing music.”

— Will Alsdorf

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Men and Women 18 to 55	Up to \$3300	Healthy & Non-Smoking BMI between 19 and 30 and weigh a minimum of 130 pounds	Fri. 24 Jun. through Mon. 27 Jun. Fri. 8 Jul. through Mon. 11 Jul. Fri. 15 Jul. through Mon. 18 Jul.
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Sen. Kel Seliger speaks with Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst during the special session Monday afternoon. The Texas Windstorm Insurance Association bill was given the Senate's stamp of approval this Wednesday and will be sent to The House of Representatives for further approval.

Storm bill rests in hands of compromise

By William James Gerlich
Daily Texan Staff

The Texas Senate passed its version of the long-debated Texas Windstorm Insurance Association bill Wednesday, but legislators said it may be impossible to compromise the Senate and House versions of the legislation in conference committee.

The Association legislation has gone through ups and downs throughout the 82nd regular session and during the current special session, but senators are standing behind their version of the bill.

Sen. John Carona, R-Dallas,

asked senators to not add amendments to the bill Wednesday and to wait to bring up differences during the conference committee. Although a number of senators did have things they wanted to change about the bill, they will submit them to Carona who said he will work them into the conference committee.

"This bill is basically the same one that passed the Senate during the regular session with a vote of 31-0," Carona said.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst said they will try to work out the differences between the House and Senate version of the bill this week, but they are very different,

and Dewhurst hopes the House will compromise.

"The senate bill is a good bill. It needs some tweaks, but it protects the rights of policy holders throughout the state," Dewhurst said.

Rep. John Smithee, R-Amarillo, said the senate's version of the bill is very different, and he does not see coming to an agreement in the next seven days because there are such fundamental differences in both versions.

"It is my intention to get Smith-ee and Carona together to get this must-pass bill agreed upon, with the dual goals of protecting our policyholders and not creating more lawsuits and costs [for

TWIA]," Dewhurst said.

Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, authored a bill to create a bipartisan commission that would create all future congressional redistricting maps. The bill, which Wentworth has pushed since 1991, passed the senate Wednesday.

Sen. Craig Estes, R-Wichita Falls, stood against the bill and said his opposition had nothing to do with which party controls the legislature. He said he believes it is unconstitutional for any entity other than the legislature to set congressional maps.

Because of harsh criticism from various Republicans, the bill is unlikely to pass the House.

Rainfall offers little relief from statewide drought

By Will Alsdorf
Daily Texan Staff

The rainstorm that covered Austin early Wednesday morning just after midnight may have been a welcome relief after months without rain, but don't expect it to have any significant impact on the statewide drought.

The drought started in October and currently covers 96 percent of the state, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor and the Lower Colorado River Authority, which manages water supplies in Central and Southeast Texas. Tuesday's storm brought less than two inches of rain to Austin, according to the Authority's network of remote gauges used to measure rainfall.

"In terms of the drought, [the rainfall] won't make much of a difference," said spokeswoman Clara Tuma. "It was a drop in the bucket"

While the rain will be helpful on a small scale, such as for watering people's lawns and lowering temperatures, virtually none

of it made it to the lakes and rivers, Tuma said.

"The ground just soaked it up. It was so dry," she said. "There wasn't much runoff."

Senior geography lecturer and local KEYE weatherman Troy Kimmel said the shower doesn't mean more storms in coming days.

"Obviously, anything helps, but one rainfall does not get you out [of a drought]," Kimmel said. "It's going to take a lot of soaking rain to get the earth around here to be what it should be."

More rain within the next week is very unlikely, though there may be thunderstorms Thursday, he said.

"Rain chances are basically absent through next Wednesday," Kimmel said, adding that the Gulf of Mexico may cause unexpected weather to arise.

Broadcast news journalism senior James Leslie, who grew up in Chicago, said he welcomed the temporary temperature change the rain brought.

"It's way too hot around here," he said. "Standing out in the rain [Tuesday] night was great."

Rainfall since June 22 at 12 a.m., in inches

Lake Austin at Quinlan Park	1.39
Lake Austin at Cortana Shores	1.21
Lake Austin at Davenport Ranch	0.84
Barton Creek at Loop 360, Austin	1.35
Bull Creek at Loop 360, Austin	0.90

Source: LCRA's network of remote gauges

UT researches indoor air quality to find solutions for healthier life

By Victoria Pagan
Daily Texan Staff

While sunburn and heat exhaustion pose great risks to those who spend too much time outdoors, indoor air pollutants may cause respiratory issues and other health complications, according to UT researchers.

Engineering Professor Richard Corsi and his team of five professors and more than twenty graduate students in the Indoor Environmental Science and Engineering Program are studying the many aspects of indoor air quality.

Corsi said humans spend approximately 72 years of their lives indoors, so most of the exposure to pollutants happens indoors. He said his research focuses on exposure to ozone indoors. Corsi was the president of this year's International Society of Indoor Air Quality and Climate conference hosted by UT.

"When ozone levels go up in cities, death rates and hospital visits go up, and most exposure to ozone comes from buildings," Corsi said. "Ozone is a really chemically reactive compound that forms new chemicals when it comes into contact with different substances.

Some are harmless but some are very toxic."

Corsi said ozone reacts negatively with carpet and most paper products, creating byproducts that can be detrimental to the respiratory system. He said he and his team are working to identify materials that remove ozone and other indoor air contaminants and to promote the use of those materials when new buildings are being made.

"We want passive removal materials that have large surface areas

ing graduate student, is working on a dissertation project researching how outdoor pollutants come indoors, assessing how filters work in real environments and how central heating and air conditioning systems operate and affect indoor particle concentration.

Stephens said the air inside a building is turned over every two to three hours on average, constantly replaced by new outdoor air. He said high amounts of pollutants find their way indoors through

“When ozone levels go up in cities, death rates and hospital visits go up, and most exposure to ozone comes from buildings.”

—Richard Corsi, Engineering professor

so they can remove as much ozone as possible, so anything on walls and ceilings is great," Corsi said. "We found a clay that is particularly good at removing ozone and lots of other things and does not create bad byproducts."

Brent Stephens, a civil engineer-

nearly invisible cracks in a building's seals.

Cooling and heating systems, which are the only standard ways to filter indoor air, only operate 20 to 25 percent of the time, Stephens said. He said the only way to ensure better air quality is to use more en-



Rebeca Rodriguez | Daily Texan Staff

Jim Price and his colleagues discuss the emission of chemicals by petrochemical facilities in the annual Air Quality Research Program workshop.

ergy and keep those systems operating more frequently and to use high grade air filters.

"Essentially the more you pay more for a filter, the better it works, although the difference between medium-range filters and high-end filters is slim," Stephens said. "At the end of the day, even in a summer in Austin, it doesn't matter what kind of filter you have if the system doesn't run."

Elena Capsuto, assistant direc-

tor of campus and occupational safety for the Office of Environmental Health and Safety, said the University conducts frequent indoor air testing and responds to any reported issues and concerns to ensure the high-grade quality of indoor air.

Capsuto said the University has licensed mold, lead and asbestos inspectors and a certified industrial hygienist on site.

She said there was mold found in

some University buildings because of water leakage but could not release those building names until reports are officially sent out. She said the University recently tested for asbestos and lead in three buildings and is awaiting the reports.

"It is fairly common that we run these tests, especially in buildings that are not brand new," Capsuto said. "We want to ensure the safety of our work force so we test them before they do any invasive work."

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NBA DRAFT 2011

Texas trio latest batch of impressive pro talent

By Sara Beth Purdy
Daily Texan Staff

Tonight, three Longhorns will be watching for their name in the 2011 NBA Draft. Tristan Thompson, Cory Joseph and Jordan Hamilton have all chosen to forgo the rest of their eligibility at Texas.

Last year, the Longhorns sent three players to the NBA in the 2010 draft.

The first to go last year, Avery Bradley, was selected 19th overall by the Boston Celt-

ics. After spending some time in the developmental league, Bradley was called up to the Celtics in February following Marquis Daniel's spinal cord injury. Bradley played in 31 games last season for the Celtics and shot 34 percent from the floor.

The Atlanta Hawks selected Damion James with the 24th overall pick last year. His stay with the Hawks was short-lived, however, when James was traded to the New Jersey Nets for more draft picks. James has played in 25 games for the Nets, averaging

44.7 percent from the floor and 64.3 percent from the foul line.

Dexter Pittman was the last Longhorn to go in the draft. He spent his first year in the pros alternating between the bench and the developmental league. In April, Pittman played in two games for the Heat before sustaining an injury. He went in the second round as the number two pick.

Texas' participation in the draft has increased dramatically over the last 50 years. Since 1957, the Longhorns have sent 37

players to the draft with 22 going in the first two rounds. Over half of those 37 were in the last two decades.

Before 1990, the Longhorns sent one player to the draft every couple of years, but since then, Rick Barnes has sent 13 players to the draft. In the 12 years Barnes has been at Texas, he has sent more players than any other previous Texas coach. In the past few years, Texas has sent more high profile players to the draft, such as T.J. Ford, LaMarcus Aldridge and Kevin Durant.

TRISTAN THOMPSON ▼

Class: Freshman
Hometown: Brampton, Ontario, Canada
Position: Power Forward



Lawrence Pearl | Daily Texan Staff

Thompson preparing for challenges of NBA

By Sameer Bhuchar
Daily Texan Staff

Tristan Thompson was never expected to stay in Texas long.

After his first year with the Longhorns, Thompson decided he was ready to take his talents to the NBA. However, if a singular look at his freshman stats are any indication of his professional potential, Thompson has a bit more learning to do.

He averaged 13 points a game at Texas, which, though respectable on the college hardwood, sometimes translates into lower point production in the big boy court. Thompson will be playing in the low post throughout most of his career, and NBA players are bigger, stronger, and faster than college players. If he can't fix this area of his game, he will need to add a jump shot to his arsenal, since his court vision is too hasty for him to be a passing big man.

Because he will likely play the low post, a position than racks up a lot of fouls, Thompson will need to hone his free throw shooting. He posted an abysmal 48 percent from the line in 2010 with the Longhorns despite reaching the charity stripe nearly 28 percent of the time he touched the ball.

What he does have going for him is his work ethic and physicality. At 20 years old, he is sprightly as well as a bruiser. He gets up and down the floor well and is quick to snag rebounds or go for the block with his 7-foot-2 wing span. He led the Longhorns last year with nearly eight rebounds a game. He also spends a great deal of personal time in the gym, shedding weight and adding muscle, which will allow him to be an active forward for a run-and-gun NBA team. That work ethic is something for general managers to salivate over.

He has a long way to go, but Thompson should be a vital forward for any squad's second team. It is safe to say he will go in the first round, but it might not happen until the Suns pick him at No. 13 or the Pacers pick him at No. 15.

NBA DRAFT PREDICTION:



Phoenix
Suns

JORDAN HAMILTON ▼

Class: Sophomore
Hometown: Compton, California
Position: Small Forward



Corey Leamon | Daily Texan Staff

Talented Hamilton expected to go early

By Nick Cremona
Daily Texan Staff

After two years, it is finally time for Jordan Hamilton to part ways with Austin. The 6-foot-8 combo guard came in as a supremely raw talent, oozing with potential. His first year as a Longhorn was shaky, highlighted by ridiculous scoring bursts that consisted of an equally ridiculous shot selection at times.

However, the Compton, California native underwent a transformation of sorts in his second year on campus, averaging nearly 19 points a game while pulling down almost eight rebounds a game as well. The sharpshooter also bettered his three-point field goal percentage to 44 percent, something NBA scouts took note of.

Shooting has always been Hamilton's strength, but during his sophomore campaign he was also able to work on being more involved in other aspects of the game, particularly defense and rebounding, and that is why he is departing Austin for the next step in his career.

Several mock draft boards have Hamilton going within the top 20 picks in the draft, and that seems about right for a guy who is going to make an immediate impact on an NBA roster. Look for Hamilton to possibly go as early as No. 11 to the Golden State Warriors and, if not, he should come off the board soon thereafter.

NBA DRAFT PREDICTION:



Golden
State
Warriors

CORY JOSEPH ▼

Class: Freshman
Hometown: Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Position: Point Guard



Derek Stout | Daily Texan Staff

Joseph hoping choice to go pro will pay off

By Christian Corona
Daily Texan Staff

No one expected Jordan Hamilton or Tristan Thompson back. But Cory Joseph? He was supposed to be a crucial component of the Texas backcourt next season.

Instead, Joseph chose to go pro. His decision to declare for the draft was not shocking but it was a bit surprising that he didn't pull his name out. Everyone would have understood had Joseph merely tested the NBA waters, gauged scouts' perspective of him, and discovered what to improve to raise his stock for next year's draft.

But Joseph isn't waiting for next year's draft or sharing the ball or backcourt with Myck Kabongo, the nation's top high school point guard prospect, and letting his draft stock slip.

It was a tough decision for Joseph, but the Cleveland Cavaliers might make it the right one.

Chad Ford of ESPN is reporting that the Cavs, who have the 32nd and 54th picks, are interested in the Longhorn guard. No. 32 would be quite a reach, but No. 54 would be a more realistic destination for Joseph.

Cleveland's intentions could change — either the Cavs could get Joseph with a different second-round pick, should they trade their No. 4 pick, or they might not take Joseph at all if they use their No. 1 pick on Duke point guard Kyrie Irving, a move many believe they will make. If Cleveland does indeed select Joseph tonight, he would join former Longhorn Daniel "Boobie" Gibson, the Cavaliers' 2006 second-round selection.

As for Texas, it'll be fine without Joseph — Kabongo and J'Covan Brown will fill in nicely. But it remains to be seen if Joseph will be fine without Texas.

NBA DRAFT PREDICTION:



Cleveland
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SPOTLIGHT: DICK HOWSER TROPHY WINNER

TAYLOR JUNGSMANN



Position: RHP
Height: 6'6"
Class: Junior
Hometown: Georgetown, Texas

Taylor Jungmann won the Dick Howser Trophy, presented annually to college baseball's player of the year. Jungmann, also the Big 12 Pitcher of the Year, went 13-3 with a 1.60 ERA and helped Texas return to the College World Series this season. The Longhorns ace beat out UCLA's Trevor Bauer and Virginia's Danny Hultzen for the award.

NBA DRAFT

The 2011 NBA Draft is set for 6 p.m. tonight and will be televised by ESPN. The Cleveland Cavaliers won this year's NBA lottery and own the No. 1 pick. In 2003, the Cavs made LeBron James the draft's first selection. Like the Cavs, who have the first and fourth picks, the Houston Rockets have two first round picks at No. 14 and 23. The newly-crowned NBA champion Dallas Mavericks check in at No. 26 with the San Antonio Spurs at No. 29.

NBA Draft order

1. Cleveland Cavaliers
2. Minnesota Timberwolves
3. Utah Jazz
4. Cleveland Cavaliers
5. Toronto Raptors

SPORTS BRIEFLY

Red River Rivalry set to start at 11 a.m., will be televised by ABC

ABC announced Wednesday that the kickoff of this year's Red River Rivalry has been set at 11 a.m. The 106th meeting between the Longhorns and Sooners will once again take place at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas and be nationally televised by ABC. Oklahoma won last season's contest, 28-20, but Texas has triumphed in four of the last six games.

—Christian Corona

Tony Parker could be traded as Spurs look to get younger

By Christian Corona
Daily Texan Staff

The trio that brought a trio of titles to San Antonio could be split up. Tony Parker has spent the entirety of his 10-year NBA career in San Antonio, but the Spurs are rumored to be considering a trade involving Parker for a lottery pick in tonight's NBA Draft. San Antonio has reportedly talked to the Toronto Raptors and Sacramento Kings about their interest in Parker. The Raptors, who have the draft's No. 5 pick, used Jose Calderon, who averaged 9.8 points and 8.9 assists per game last season, at point guard for most of their games. The Kings used two point guards in their lineup — Beno Udrih and 2010 Rookie of the Year Tyreke Evans.

Last season, the Spurs were cruising for the majority of the regular season, boasting a 57-13 record in late March, but imploded down the stretch. San Antonio lost eight of their final 12 contests and could not right the ship in time for the postseason as the Spurs fell in the first round of the playoffs to the Memphis Grizzlies in six games.

It's no secret that the Spurs' championship window has been closing. Their top three scorers — Manu Ginobili, Parker and Tim Duncan — have combined to play more than 80,000 minutes during their respective careers (nearly 10,000 if you include playoff minutes). While many of those minutes were spent keeping their string of consecutive 50-win seasons intact (a streak that's at 12 and counting) and others were spent securing titles in 2003, 2005 and 2007, the

Spurs might be looking to get a little younger.

Such a move could make sense for San Antonio. Recent acquisitions of young players have paid off. DeJuan Blair, 22, has been a menacing post presence since being drafted by the Spurs in 2009. George Hill, 25, was San Antonio's top scorer not named Ginobili, Parker or Duncan last season and would take over for Parker if he was traded. Gary Neal, 26, scored 9.8 points per game in his rookie year and provided the Spurs' proudest play-off moment when he hit a buzzer-beating three-pointer to force overtime in San Antonio's eventual Game 2 win over Memphis.

Parker earned Finals MVP honors from San Antonio's most recent championship campaign, but could find himself playing in a different country if the Spurs' attempts to trade him are successful. Gregg Popovich would still be strolling the Spurs sideline. Duncan and Ginobili would still be there. Hill would step in as the starting point guard. But a Spurs lineup without Parker would drastically change the dynamic of how they play.

San Antonio would lose their electrifying floor general who gets to the basket like defenders are escorting him there. More importantly, they would be taking the first steps toward ushering in a new era of Spurs basketball. As hard as it might be for San Antonio fans to admit, it would be an admission that their championship window is closing or, even worse, has closed. But it also means that the Spurs front office is ensuring that while one window is closing, another one will open.



Dallas Mavericks assistant coach Dwane Casey yells to his team during an NBA basketball game against the Oklahoma City Thunder, in Oklahoma City last December. Casey is the new coach of the Toronto Raptors. The Raptors introduced the Dallas assistant at a news conference Tuesday, nine days after he helped the Mavericks win the NBA title.

Alonzo Adams
Associated Press

Raptors hire Mavericks assistant Casey

The Associated Press

TORONTO — Dwane Casey hopes to bring a rugged, NHL-style of defense to his newest job in the NBA.

The Toronto Raptors hired Casey as their coach Tuesday, nine days after the Dallas assistant helped the Mavericks win the championship.

Casey succeeds Jay Triano, a Canadian who became a consultant after the Raptors finished 22-60. Casey was the head coach of the Minnesota Timberwolves from June 2005 to January 2007, compiling a 43-59 record.

Casey said his No. 1 goal is to give the Raptors a "defensive identity." He partially credited the Mavericks' performance against LeBron James and the Miami Heat in the NBA finals to the breaking down of hockey video.

"Because we felt we were playing too soft against Miami to start the series," he said. "And it really set the tone."

"I don't know a lot about hockey,

ey, I know I'll learn about it. But we spliced in those guys checking players up into the window, into the boards and that type of thing and that's the way we want to play," he said. "We want to make sure people feel us when they cut through the lane. And that's a mindset, and that's having a disposition — a bad disposition — when people come through your paint."

Poor on defense, Toronto missed the playoffs for the third straight season. The Raptors have made it past the first round only once in their 16-year existence, doing it in 2000-01.

The Raptors want to start their improvement Thursday with the fifth pick in the NBA draft.

Casey won't have much input on who the Raptors pick.

"I've learned over the years to step back from the draft because you have to hire trusted people with your scouting department and trust their knowledge," Casey said. "You can give them your input into what you need and what

you want, but the bottom line has to come from the scouting department."

The 54-year-old Casey, who also was an assistant for 11 seasons in Seattle, is the eighth coach in Raptors' history. Triano stood quietly at the back of the news conference announcing Casey's hire. Casey said he intends to use Triano as a "resource" and build on what he sees as a core of young talent that includes guards DeMar DeRozan and Jerryd Bayless, center Andrea Bargnani and forward Amir Johnson.

"Defensively, I'm going to be a hands-on control freak, so to speak," he said. "Offensively, I'm going to trust and give them freedom."

Raptors general manager Bryan Colangelo said he got a call from Dallas coach Rick Carlisle in the wee hours after the Mavericks won the championship.

"Rick Carlisle said, 'Bryan, I want to know what it's going to take to get Dwane that job in Toronto. It's right

for him, it's right for you, it's right for the situation. You need to strongly consider it,'" Colangelo said.

"He comes with exceptional support from people in very high places," he said. "There's a lot of people that are rooting for Dwane to do well here. They think it's the right time," he said.

DeRozan was at the news conference and said he and his teammates welcome the new commitment to defense.

"I think everybody's definitely going to buy into it because we've got a young team and we could cause a lot of havoc on the defensive end," DeRozan said. "I want to improve as a person and as a team player."

Casey promised a free-flowing approach with the ball.

"The last time I checked, the reason why you win games is scoring, so we're going to put a high premium on that too," he said. "We want to keep the pace up-tempo with our young team because we have the athleticism."

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Overachieving Longhorns made 2011 a memorable year



By **Trey Scott**
Daily Texan Columnist

How do you close the book on a season that looked like it might never end?

After all, the Longhorns slammed the door on elimination so many times you thought it was a made-for-the-movies team of destiny.

Turns out, Augie Garrido's bunch just overachieved. "You didn't see us overwhelm anybody with physical talent," Garrido said. "It was about attitude and spirit. You saw a lot of physical talent on the two teams we lost to."

A trip to Omaha came and went as quickly as the recent summer storm. One moment, it seemed, Texas was about to take down mighty Florida. Then, in the blink of an eye, it was down to its final out of the season to North Carolina.

Brandon Loy popped up to right for the final out of the 3-0 loss to the Tar Heels, and, just like that, the 2011 chapter was finished.

"People probably didn't think we'd get out of our Regional, and then we lost the first game against Arizona State," Loy said. "What we've done and what we've fought through, that's what I'm thinking about right now."

This team began the season with grounded expectations — if the slugging Longhorns of 2010 couldn't make it to Omaha, how could these .272 hitters?

Somehow, they did. Did it with just 17 home runs. Did it with their backs against the wall more than a few times — winning five straight do-or-die games just to get to Omaha. Even did it without a vintage Taylor Jungmann, whose story the past three weeks is equal parts weird and unfair. After cruising to a 13-0 record, he lost his last three attempts. Ultimately, Jungmann admitted he just didn't have it.

"Mechanically, some things have been going wrong recently," he said after the 8-4 loss to Florida.

There was no worse a time for Jungmann to break down, but his 0-3 record since regional play shouldn't do anything to diminish his legacy as one of the best to pitch here — his 32 wins is eighth of all time, and that's in three years.

"Taylor learned something about himself that he had never learned before," Garrido said. "Hopefully he can convert that into a good experience for himself and a life lesson."

In the span of a month, Augie wrote a book about life lessons and also drew criticism for a profanity-laced excerpt from his documentary that surfaced on YouTube.



Kevin Lusson and Jacob Felts (left) congratulate each other on their way to the dugout. North Carolina beat Texas, 3-0, Monday afternoon to knock the Longhorns out of the College World Series.

Ryan Edwards
Daily Texan Staff

He helped guide his team as freshman Alex Silver courageously battled with cancer. When Silver defeated the disease, Garrido started him at third base.

"The only way somebody can feel well is if you treat them like they're well," he said.

He also turned in the best coaching job this school has seen in a long time, molding a group that struggled to hit into one of the best eight teams in the nation. Honestly, when's the last time a Texas athletic program overachieved?

All year, the Longhorns relied on pitching and defense. When the first part of that equation forgot to show up in Omaha, any national championship hopes became a bigger long shot.

"It wasn't meant to be this time," Garrido said. "We never got the momentum."

Texas will most likely say goodbye to juniors Jung-

mann, Sam Stafford and Brandon Loy, all high-round draft picks. Second baseman Jordan Etier also could sign as a free agent.

It will definitely say goodbye to seniors Cole Green and Tant Shepherd, who turned down professional money after their junior seasons for the opportunity to come back and help this team improve.

"I told them in the locker room that they had a lot to be proud of," Garrido said. "What they did by getting the team here was give us a much brighter future."

Yes, with returnees such as Hoby Milner, Erich Weiss, Corey Knebel and Mark Payton, the future is indeed bright. But looking so far ahead right now only discounts what the Longhorns did this year — stringing together an improbable season filled with little run support, a bunch of life lessons and a few more wins than anybody probably expected.

Harrell's three-run shot, Hill's gem help Vandy defeat UNC

By **Eric Olson**
The Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Taylor Hill and Corey Williams combined on four-hitter, Connor Harrell and Curt Casali homered and Vanderbilt eliminated North Carolina from the College World Series with a 5-1 victory Wednesday night.

Vanderbilt (54-11) beat the Tar Heels for the second time in the CWS and plays Southeastern Conference rival Florida on Friday. The Com-

modores are in Omaha for the first time and would need to beat the Gators twice to reach next week's best-of-three finals.

The Commodores have to face a Florida team that has beaten them in four of five meetings this season, including 3-1 at the CWS.

North Carolina (51-16) left 34 runners on base in its three CWS games and was just 7 for 39 with runners in scoring position.

Hill (6-1) outdueled Greg Holt (7-2) in a matchup of Washington Nationals

draft picks.

Hill, taken in the sixth round, allowed a run and four hits in seven innings.

Holt, an eighth-rounder who was making his second start of the season, lasted 2 2-3 innings. He gave up five runs and four hits, leaving after Casali's homer made it 5-0.

The Tar Heels couldn't advance a runner past first base after they scored in the fifth.

to face Jacob Stallings, who had doubled in his first two at-bats. Stall-

ings fouled off an 0-2 pitch barely outside the left-field line, then swung and missed at strike three.

Williams, who has pitched 5 2-3 scoreless innings in three CWS appearances, came on to start the eighth.

Harrell's three-run homer put Vanderbilt up 4-0 in the second inning. It was his second in three games here and ninth of the season.

The Commodores opened the scoring when Tony Kemp led off the game with a triple into the right-center gap and scored on a sacrifice fly.

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16 Warren Buffett, by birth

17 "Wheel of Fortune" spinner's cry

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20 Bar in a bathroom

21 Nuclear power

23 Beverage that once offered a Luau flavor

25 Bars in a checkout line, briefly

26 City or county of New Mexico

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30 "Oh man, you're killing me!"

32 H.S. math course

33 Destitution

35 Any member of 36-Down

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46 [I'm bored]

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CARS 2

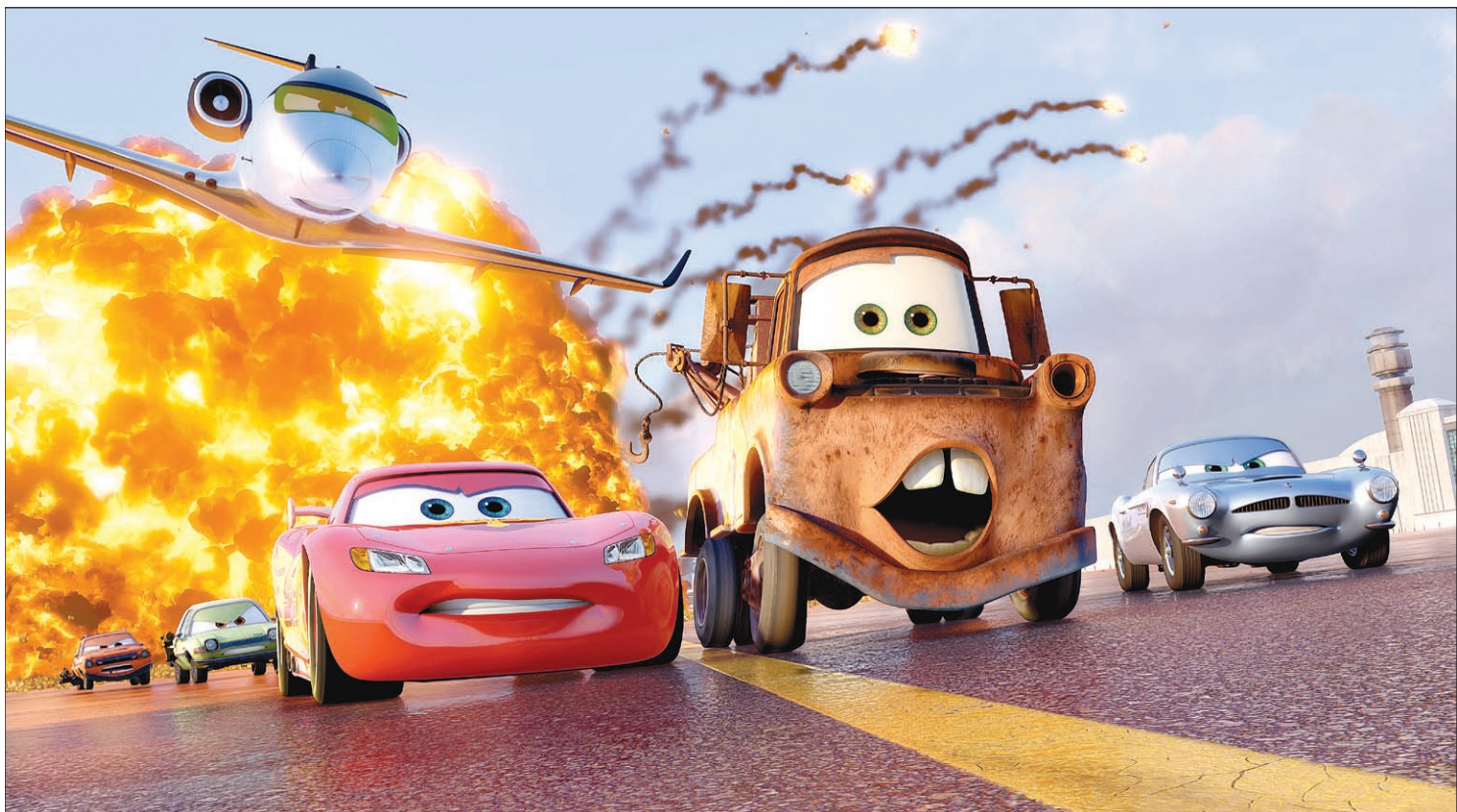


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“Cars 2” lacks the usual heart and warmth of Pixar’s films.

‘Cars’ sequel fails to live up to Pixar’s name

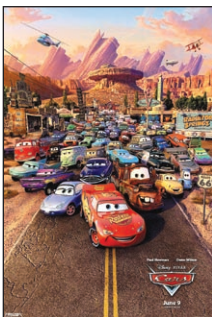
By Alex Williams
Daily Texan Staff

Back in 2006, Pixar Studios was on something of a hot streak. They were doing some of their best work, both financially (“Finding Nemo”) and creatively (“The Incredibles”). And then they released “Cars,” which still made boatloads of money, but was easily the weakest of the Pixar repertoire. Now, after four years of producing not only some of the best animated films of their respective years, but some of the best films period, Pixar returns to sequel-making with “Cars 2,” which is not surprisingly its weakest film since its forebearer.

ON THE WEB:

Take a ride through a trailer of Pixar’s “Cars 2”
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The first film was a simple love story between Lightning McQueen (Owen Wilson) and the small town charms of America. Its sequel couldn’t be a bigger departure, casting McQueen and the rusty, dented tow truck Tow Mater (Larry the Cable Guy) overseas for an international racing competition. And then the film strays into the absolutely ridiculous by introducing secret agent Finn McMissile (Michael Caine), who, by a farcical series of misunderstandings, ends up working with Mater to save all the cars participating in the race (including McQueen) from a nefarious plot. While the film’s spy plot provides most of the entertainment found in “Cars 2,” it also makes some colossal mistakes. The biggest is placing Mater in the center of the film and sidelining Lightning McQueen except for the occasional race scene.



Cars 2
John Lasseter
Genre: Action Adventure, Animation
Runtime: 113 minutes
For those who like: Cars, Shrek

Grade: C-

Mater only occasionally worked in the first film, and that’s when Larry the Cable Guy reigned with his shtick. But placing him front and center couldn’t be a worse choice creatively. As a character, Mater is nothing short of grating, and watching him stumble his way through various scenarios ripped off of the Bond and Bourne films alike only underlines how irritating Larry

the Cable Guy’s delivery is without Owen Wilson. Another problem with this story is how it requires its characters to be absolute idiots. First off, Mater is completely oblivious to the fact that he’s involved in espionage. Even worse, his spy colleagues didn’t immediately recognize that Mater couldn’t be further from a secret agent, which is a bit harder to swallow. However, as ridiculous as the spy

CD REVIEW
BON IVER

Bon Iver’s latest release surpasses expectations with poetic lyrics, vocals

By Christopher Nguyen
Daily Texan Staff

Like Thoreau’s journey into the woods that served as the backbone of Walden, Bon Iver’s tale of taking shelter from personal troubles at his father’s cabin only to come out with songs that would comprise his breakthrough album, *For Emma, Forever Ago*, has created a band of Bon Iver followers. Although the romantic ideal of his cabin stay adds interest to the album, it stands well by itself without the backstory. His long-awaited, eponymous follow-up proves it. The entire self-titled album evokes the same pastoral ruggedness of his debut. The guitars strum gently to and fro on “Towers.” The piano reverberates and twinkles like stars on “Wash.” His falsetto vocals harmonize together and float gently against the melodies on “Holocene.”

Bon Iver seems to have higher aspirations than to repeat his previous work though. The percussion pounds on “Perth.” Synths reveal themselves with greater force on “Calgary.” They reach and succeed for a quiet epic quality. All of the songs glide so well into each other that even the odd closer “Beth/Rest,” with its clamping, adult contemporary-style piano and smooth saxophone runs, doesn’t seem too out of place. Bon Iver’s lyrics don’t provoke

and scream for attention. They are simply poetry, not to sound too bombastic. The only way to do them justice is to offer excerpts:

*Bet
Is hardly shown
Scraped
Across the foam
Like they stole it
And oh, how they hold it
(From “Wash”)*

*Aren’t we married!
I ain’t living in the dark no more
It’s not a promise, I’m just
gonna call it
Heavy mitted love
Our love is a star
Sure some hazardry
For the light before and after
most indefinitely
(From “Beth/Rest”)*

For all this acclaim, one would think this album reinvents the wheel. That’s just it; it doesn’t, and the singer behind the album doesn’t seem to care to. Instead, like a man going back to the forest to rediscover life, Bon Iver is journeying back through the history of music to find that great music needs only perfectly crafted lyrics and melodies to shine.

ON THE WEB:

Get in the mood with Bon Iver’s song “Calgary”
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Bon Iver
Bon Iver
Genre: Alternative
For those who like: Once soundtrack, The National, Bruce Springsteen
Grade: A

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Movie director shares stories behind making of 'Beginners'

By Alex Williams
Daily Texan Staff

With his second major film "Beginners," writer-director Mike Mills drew greatly from his own life in creating the story of Oliver (Ewan McGregor), who learns that his father Hal (Christopher Plummer) is gay after his mother dies. The deeply personal content of the film gives it an authentic, human feeling, and Melanie Laurent is wonderful as Anna, the radiant dream girl Oliver falls for.

ON THE WEB:

Read more about the insights of Mark Mills when "Beginners" screened at the South By Southwest Film Festival this March.

The **Daily Texan**: What were some real life experiences that inspired this film?

Mike Mills: It did start with my dad coming out of the closet when he was 75, and he did pass away four to five years later. My parents were married in 1955 so it all really starts with that biography, that real stuff. But really, by the time you write it for a few years, it's pretty much a fiction. Or my version of some things that happened. I could write other versions, my sister's version or my dad's version of what happened. It's a weird hybrid to me.

DT: Was it difficult to view the film subjectively since it's so personal?

Mills: Yes and no. Maybe when I first started writing it; it was really murky, and my dad had just passed away, so I was really in that sort of grief high. Like, you're very unsober in grieving time. By the time, years later, I'm done with the script and shooting the film, it's very much a separate thing. I never look at Plummer and think that he's my dad. I never look at Ewan and think that's me. He's way too good-looking. So it's a story and it's based on some things, but the key thing was telling those guys, "You can't just be me. You have to help me not make this some downward looking memoir thing. It has to be a story that reaches out."

DT: How did you decide on Christopher Plummer to play Hal?

Mills: I had to decide on Ewan



Courtesy of Focus Features
Christopher Plummer and Ewan McGregor star in Mike Mills' "Beginners," a film based on real events from the director's life.

first. I really wanted it to feel like a family. Christopher was, of course, in my mind, and it wasn't until I had Ewan that I was like, "Oh, they would make a family." They really actually look kind of similar and have the right vibe for each other. One of the reasons that really makes it so great is that a big part of the story to me is that it's really different if you're born in 1925, like my dad was. You have really different historical options open to you and a whole different world. And Christopher, being born in 1929, really embodies so much of that culture and that kind of difference. Really, those people are different than us, and he has that in spades. It's so natural for him. And then he's just really good at storytelling. It's weird to meet an actor that thinks in terms of the whole story that much.

DT: Can you tell me about those scenes where you compare different years?

Mills: From the beginning, once I had that, I was like, "Oh, I have the movie. I wanna say so much, how am I going to say all this?" To me, that's what the movie is about. It's like what was historically available emotionally for my parents in 1955 that made them make that choice to get married, even though they knew my dad was gay. What made my dad do all that? And then in 2003, with these people, what's the world that we can

live in now. What can we say? What can we do? Which Oliver kind of says about being in love. So, I love that kind of filmmaking where you break open the story and can kind of look at it from a different angle. That's the kind of stuff that excites me.

DT: Why did you choose to set the film in 2003?

Mills: Partly because that's close to the time my dad did pass away, and as time went on, and I was writing the script and not getting it done and not getting it financed, it got farther away from being able to say my parents were married in 1955. But then I was like, 2003, what a weird year. How odd. That excited me. How every film, when you set a film in the present, it's supposed to be a historical — historically neutral somehow. But that sort of reminds everybody that in 2003, your emotional life, your sexual choices, your relationships are part of our culture and what our culture encourages and doesn't encourage and makes available and doesn't make available.

DT: What are you working on next?

Mills: Writing. It's too early to really say, but in this movie, while it's about all these heavy things, I was really excited to figure out that I could be funny. And got a little more confident with that idea, so I hope to make something funny next.

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to feel what it is that you want in that moment, in any given moment," Marz said.

The problem with sex, according to Marz, is that people become so fixated on reaching the goal of climax that they discount the whole experience of sex — what she calls the orgasm.

"Climax is only one part of the orgasm cycle," Marz said. "But by only focusing on that, we're denying ourselves the orgasm that is the experience."

An Austin native, Marz learned about the Slow Sex Movement while living in San Francisco, where the movement originated under the organization OneTaste. OneTaste was created by Nicole Daedone in 2001 and offers training in orgasm and communication. At the heart of the OneTaste mission is a practice called Orgasmic Meditation, which is a partner practice in which a woman lies down while her partner strokes her genitals for 15 minutes. Under Daedone's guidance, Marz cultivated the desire to bring the practice home with her, and last Saturday she held her first class.

"People come because, for one reason or another, they want more

in their lives in general," Marz said. "Whether it's deeper connection, deeper intimacy or help in communication, something is missing."

Something must be missing, because one week after posting her class on meetup.com, the 20-person list filled up and 10 people were on a separate waiting list.

In a small house-turned-studio, approximately 20 participants left their shoes and judgments at the door and sat on the floor to fill that missing something.

There are three principles to the Slow Sex philosophy: awareness, simplicity and desire. The 90-minute class consists of a few small ice-breaker exercises and three main exercises designed around these principles.

The first exercise, the hot seat, places one person at the front of the room, and they must answer any question the class asks honestly.

"My most recent partner and I would be having sex," said a 46-year-old woman in the hot seat. "And while we were doing it, he would talk about what we did last time, or what he wants to do to me next time, and I realized that we weren't here, in the moment."

The second exercise, a lesson on simplicity, requires two people to face each other for two minutes; each person merely makes observations about the other without any judgment. So it's not that the person's dimple is cute or not, but merely noticing that it exists.

"People place values on things and put up walls, but what happens when we strip all that away?" Marz said. "We're left with just two people, and that's what this exercise does."

The final exercise deals with desire. Two people face each other and answer the question "What do you desire?" repeatedly for two minutes. The practice seems repetitive, but as participants struggle to come up with frivolous desires, such as sleep or chocolate, more intimate details surface, such as a desire to be more in touch with family.

The class wraps up with another round of hot seat and at the end participants are invited to drink wine, mingle and share their experience with the class.

"I never thought I would get here," Marz said. "But I'm going to continue to try and create a well-lit place for sexuality."

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plot may be, it adds quite a bit to the film. It's always interesting to see how a Pixar film handles real life-or-death stakes, and from its thrilling opening scene, it's clear that "Cars 2" will have a body count. While none of its main characters are ever in too much danger, much of the film's spy bits work mostly because Pixar doesn't shy away from the ugly consequences of gunplay (as ugly as they can be in a G-rated film about talking cars anyway).

As always, even when they've stumbled creatively, Pixar has made an absolutely gorgeous film. Their rendition of Tokyo (punnily named Towkyo) is a marvel, and the film's action is uniformly exciting. "Cars 2" shines in its all-too-brief racing scenes, which are a rush

of color on their own but are given real weight and depth by the 3-D effects, which are among the best of the summer.

Also good is the customary pre-film short, which is presumably the first in a series of "Toy Story Toons," lovely little postcards that allow us to catch up with Woody and Buzz. Unfortunately, even this lacks the entertaining simplicity that comes with some of Pixar's other shorts, but is still sweet in a low-key way.

What makes the "Cars" franchise such a misstep is that it's everything Pixar isn't. For the last decade, Pixar has been making films that tell heartfelt, human stories set in a world with some semblance of internal logic, and the "Cars" films couldn't be less logical or less human. The biggest questions looming over both films, one that is entirely glossed over, is why do cars exist in a world without humans?

Who built them? And more importantly, why do they have interiors? When the film's world doesn't make a lick of sense, it's hard to get invested.

The nonsensical nature of the world might actually work if it was a bit easier to invest in these characters. The "Toy Story" films are built around a similarly ridiculous premise but take place in a world that is recognizably ours, and more importantly, have characters with hearts and souls, something the "Cars" films sorely lack.

So we're left with the second film in a franchise that has never really worked for Pixar, one built around celebrities voicing talking objects and lots of merchandising opportunities for cars with silly names. While kids will most likely love the colorful, never boring "Cars 2," fans looking for the maturity and heart they've come to expect from Pixar will be sorely disappointed.

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you not to fall in love with her as Anna, a charming dream girl played with graceful poise. However, Plummer rips the film out from under both of his co-stars. His Hal is so vibrant, so alive, that watching the life drain out of him is nothing short of devastating. It's one of the great performances of Plummer's career and of 2011, making it one of the main reasons "Beginners" works as well as it does.

Mills has made an intimate, affecting little film here. More than anything, it's about the joys of really and truly connecting with someone, a universal theme that Mills milks for all its worth, coaxing effortless beauty out of moments as run-of-the-mill as a meet-cute at a Halloween party or a group of friends visiting Hal in the hospital. While the Anna story line threatens to tip into melodrama in its final moments, Mills manages to keep it steady through a few clever subversions of romantic comedy tropes.

"Beginners" isn't a particularly ambitious film. It's very much about telling Mills' personal story and hoping audiences enjoy it. However, because it's so starkly personal, the film works, both as a stirring look at themes that have been covered time and time again and as a peek into Mills' psyche. "Beginners" is a film that can't be missed, be it for the smart, funny script from Mills or Plummer's astonishing performance.

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MOVIE REVIEW
BEGINNERS

Film's stellar casting, plot makes enthralling drama

By Alex Williams
Daily Texan Staff

Writer and director Mike Mills burst onto the indie film scene in 2005 with "Thumbsucker," a smart coming-of-age story, the fingerprints of which can be found on many similar films in theaters right now. His next major release, "Beginners," is a massive step up on every level and is one of the best films of the year thus far.

ON THE WEB:

Get a feel for the parallel stories in "Beginners" bit.ly/beginnersreview

Based on real events from Mills' life, "Beginners" spins two parallel stories. After Oliver's (Ewan McGregor) mother dies, his father Hal (Christopher Plummer) comes out of the closet and chooses to live the last years of his life as a politically, socially and romantically active gay man, ignoring medical diagnoses that tell him his days are numbered. A few years later, after Hal's death, Oliver meets

the radiant Anna, played perfectly by Melanie Laurent ("Inglourious Basterds").

While these are two fairly basic story lines of self-discovery and falling in love, Mills makes them both absolutely enthralling, with his seamless shifts between Hal and Anna's story lines and also with some offbeat artistic flourishes that work more often than not. Brief segments where Oliver compares the year he lives in with the ones his parents did are stark, captivating stretches of poetry and some of the film's most memorable moments. Less successful are a color-by-color breakdown of the gay pride flag and an extended gag where Oliver's dog (inherited from Hal) speaks to him via subtitles.

One thing Mills gets absolutely right is the casting. McGregor, ostensibly playing Mills, isn't given too much personality here but makes a solid character out of a churning pool of melancholy. Laurent, in her first major English-speaking role, dares

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INSIDE: CHECK OUT INTERVIEW WITH DIRECTOR



Beginners
Mike Mills

Genre: Drama
Runtime: 104 minutes
For those who like:
Thumbsucker, Little Miss Sunshine

Grade: A-



Allen Otto | Daily Texan Staff

In an intimacy exercise, participants James Gossett and Kathleen Kern take turns telling their desires at the Slow Sex gathering Saturday Night. Slow Sex embraces certain eastern philosophies and focuses on sexuality and the female orgasm.

'Slow Sex' movement creates intimacy

By Pooneh Momeni
Daily Texan Staff

You may have been here during sex: you're face to face, chest to chest, completely exposed to someone when your mind wanders. Suddenly you're thinking about the lighting, your body, whether or not you'll marry this person and before you know it you're so far into your thoughts it's difficult to enjoy what's happening.

In today's hyper-connected world there exist endless forms of communi-

cation, from emails and texts to tweets and status updates. All this connectivity, however, has propelled our culture to a speed that leaves people little time to express what it is they want, according to Andrea Marz, the leader of the Slow Sex Movement in Austin.

Meaningful sex has taken a backseat to instant gratification — just read the cover of any lifestyle magazine, and you'll find promises of advice on how to reach an orgasm faster and more often. Sex has become so time consuming that 17 percent

of cell phone users admit to checking their gadgets during sex, according to a study conducted by Retrevo Gadgetology Report.

Marz, a certified yoga instructor and orgasmic meditation coach, teaches the philosophy of Slow Sex which, like other popular slow movements, such as Slow Food, has less to do with pace and everything to do with connection, and in this case, the connection between two people during sex.

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